

Locust Grove Flyer

July 2010

SUMMER . . . IN THE GROVE

Summer is going to be a busy time in Locust Grove. We start the month of July off with our downtown Farmer's Market. Each Saturday from 9:00am—12:00pm residents can visit our downtown market. There will be lots of fruits, vegetables, homemade jellies, and peaches from our own Gardner Peach Stand.

If you would like to participate, please contact Pat Singley for an application, rules, and regulations for participating. (770-855-3786) or e-mail her at patsingley1@bellsouth.net for additional information or questions concerning the market.

Beginning in July, the 2nd and 4th Friday nights will be "Music In Mayors' Walk Park". Music begins at 7:00pm and lasts until 9:00pm. Stores plan to stay open late for shopping. Bring your dinner, blankets and chairs for a great evening downtown. Some of our performers are Jason Lee with Jason Lee Music, Shoal Creek Men's Choir, and Dusty Beech. If you have talent and would like to show it off, please contact Linda Hutchison at (770-692-2320).

Look for advertisements concerning our "Girls Night Out" on selected Thursday evenings. Shops stay open until 8:00pm and offer special discounts for ladies shopping. Zebra House has been known to offer an additional 10% off on their already reduced 50% off handbags.

CONSTRUCTION OF NEW DOWNTOWN PARK UNDERWAY

Did you hear someone say "There are buildings missing on Cleveland Street"? They are correct. The city shop utility buildings have been moved to a new location and the city is making room for a beautiful green space area for families to enjoy. There will also be thirty-five additional parking spaces for downtown parking and lighted side-walks for strolling in the evenings.

A beautiful oak tree has been spared and will be used as our "story telling tree". We plan to have several events in the park once it is completed. This will enhance our downtown sidewalk traffic, thus adding more shopping opportunities for our business owners.

We look forward to the conclusion of the project. A celebration party is planned with music, watermelon, and games for the children. Watch for further advertisement about the event once the park is completed.

YES, VIRGINIA, WALMART IS COMING TO LOCUST GROVE

The long-awaited construction has finally begun for the Locust Grove Walmart Store. This 155,800 square foot Supercenter is the latest prototype store that is more "right-sized" to conserve storage space and keep their reputation for Low Prices intact.

The store is located more towards Highway 42 near the city's Water Tank, which may surprise many who thought the store was closer to Bill Gardner Parkway. The store is also primary to the construction of a new road linking Highway 42 to Bill Gardner at Tanger Boulevard. This roadway, which is yet to be named, will provide access to future development still unplanned with exception to a relocated Zaxby's to be under construction late this year.

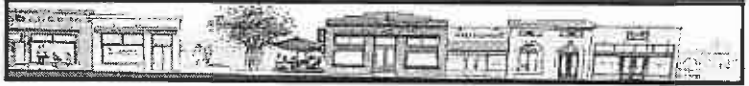
The city is also working with developers in that area (Shi Investments I, LLC, STLC, LLC, and Wal-Mart Realty Trust) in the construction of an extended right turning lane along Bill Gardner between the NB I-75 off ramp to Tanger Blvd. This project is still in design phase, and funding mechanisms are still being worked out. The lane should be installed no later than December 31, 2012, but the anticipation is that the lane will be constructed around the opening date of March 2011.

CENSUS GREAT SUCCESS IN LOCUST GROVE!!!!

The citizens of Locust Grove have responded in mass to the 2010 Census, beating the previous Census results for mail participation rates at a time where most other cities and counties noted declines.

The 2010 official mail participation rate was 79%, which was more than 10% greater than in the 2000 Census. This rate led all of Henry County and the cities of Hampton, McDonough, and Stockbridge by a significant margin.

Enumerators Visiting Homes. For those who for some reason did not mail back a 2010 Census Form, enumerators have begun canvassing the city for the required data per the Decennial Census Law. All employees are required to show proper ID and have a collection bag with official Census Logos on them. For further information, you may see the link on the City's website: www.locustgrove-ga.gov



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Farmers' Market every Saturday
July—October 9:00am—12:00pm

Music in the Park— 2nd and 4th
Friday Nights
July-Sept

"Girls Night Out"
Watch for Details
July—September

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CALLING ALL VETERANS OF LOCUST GROVE

The city of Locust Grove is in the process of compiling a list of veterans who live in the city limits of Locust Grove.

If someone you know has passed away and served in the armed services while living in the city limits of Locust Grove, we would like to know that as well.

We wish to permanently place names on a list that will be displayed in city hall.

Honoring our military is a priority of the city of Locust Grove. We appreciate your service and we want to acknowledge what you have done for our country.

Please contact city hall or stop by for a form to complete with pertinent information concerning your branch and years of service .

You may contact Linda Hutchison at 770-692-2320 or you may visit our website for a form.

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